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## NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

We thank you sincerely for patronage given us the past year and hope the New Year has dawned brightly upon you and yours.

We earnestly solicit your patronage for 1914.

"Satisfied Customers" is our motto.

Yours Sincerely

Geo. H. Shelton **Okolona Hardware Company**

J. E. Vice

## ANNOUNCEMENT

I beg to advise my many friends and patrons of this city, county and adjoining counties that I am this day severing my connection in all departments with the firm of J. Ruel & Company.

In making this announcement I desire to thank my friends and patrons who have so liberally aided me for the past 18 years in materially building up the business I am now leaving to its now very efficient standard and an institution that will reflect a credit upon any city. My plans for the future are not fully decided as yet, but will so notify the public when they are fully completed. I wish however to state that I am still to make Okolona my home and will in future have more time to assist the progressive citizens in giving our city a new start towards the betterment of conditions.

Again thanking you, one and all, for the many kindnesses shown me during my 18 years stay here. Wishing you all a prosperous and happy 1914.

Yours very respectfully,

**EDWARD D. ELIAS**

January 1, 1914

### Big Piano Contest Now On

#### Some Lady, Single or Married will win A Splendid Piano

Our Readers Are to Decide Who shall Possess this Instrument.

We are pleased to announce to our readers that we have arranged to give to some lady of this community a beautiful upright Piano as a present from our subscribers, who will pay nothing more than they would otherwise pay to get the paper. The plan is easy to understand. It is simply this: when you pay money for subscription to the Messenger ask for voting coupons which will be issue in denominations as follows:

For each new subscription, 600 votes.  
For each renewal subscription, 500 votes.

For each back subscription, 400 votes.

Besides this, we have several clubbing offers on which we will allow votes at the rate of 2 votes for each dollar paid in excess of the regular price of the Messenger.

The Piano which we have selected to give away in this contest is one made by one of the most reputable manufacturers in the whole country and is backed up by them with their regular

guarantee. We purchased this splendid instrument through the local agent, Mr. Seymour C. Jones, who also stands sponsor for the instrument. It is one of the most popular instruments now on the market and is well worth the effort that will be required to win it.

Now is the time to begin. Send in your name to us or the name of some friend who you would like to see win this instrument, and we will place his name in the list of nomination and publish the list so that all our readers may know who is in the race. Send in the nomination today. A good start is sometimes worth a great deal in a contest of this character.

When your name appears in the list of contestants make it a point to talk to your friends concerning the contest and tell them to ask for the coupons when they pay their subscription and to save the coupons for you. Remember, no votes will be given except on request and only at the time money is paid. His rule will be adhered to

strictly.

The following merchants and business people will each give a prize and issue votes in the contest, viz:

E. S. Elliott, Dry Goods;  
Seymour Jones, Furniture;  
Okolona Hardware Company;  
Droke Jewelry Company;  
Bearden & King, Druggist.

The votes by these merchants will be issued in the same manner and under the same conditions as those from this office. The premiums they offer will be awarded to those contestants who come up near to the winner of the piano but who fail to secure the coveted prize.

Clip the coupon from this issue of the Messenger and return it to us within the time specified and it will count for its face value towards winning the piano and other valuable prizes.

Remember—when you or your friends trade at any of the stores that give coupons or pay money on account of subscriptions, call for the coupons at the time the money is paid, for in no other way can votes be secured. Votes will be based on cash transaction and no votes will be issued for cash paid at any other time. You can not pay money and have the votes transferred. If the purchaser of goods is not enough interested in his favorite candidate to mention the name of the contestant at the time of the transaction, he will lose his opportunity to vote happy the day he would otherwise be pleased to help.

which is a favorite pleasure haunt for society, presented a bright picture of the yuletide season, not only in the decorations of the gay poinsettia and palms, but in the holiday spirit that pervaded the room, echoing with chatter and laughter of the guests and with the beautiful music furnished by the Rowley orchestra during the two hours of the tea.

Invitations had been issued to three hundred of the matrons and maids so that society were

well represented.—Mobile Register Dec. 18.

Mrs. Wood mentioned in the above lived in this city for a number of years and has many friends here.

Itch! Itch! Itch!—Scratch! Scratch! Scratch! The more you scratch, the worse the itch. Try Doan's Ointment. For eczema, any skin itching. 50 cents a box. adv.

**Spread Dread Plague.**  
In the days of King Charles II. news traveled slowly in England and before the people of Cornwall about the terrible plague that there came to Bodmin there were with pack mules laden and satin gowns, rich robes, hats and expensive lace, were offered for sale at ridiculous prices. The countryside rushed to and the merchants, having sold all their stock, departed. The day or two the purchasers were racked by a strange sickness, by scores. The gaudy cloth been stripped from the bodies of those who had died of plague don.

### 25 VOTE COUPON

Send this Coupon to the Okolona Messenger office within 15 days from date and it will count for TWENTY-FIVE VOTES. No money is required with this Coupon.

VOTE FOR

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#### A Beautiful Afternoon Tea at the Athol Club

The third and last affair of the week and the largest of yesterday's functions was the afternoon tea at which Mr. Harris C. Vaughn and Mrs. E. A. Wood filled the role of joint hostesses at the Athol Club from 4:30 to 6 p. m. The ball room of the club,



E. H. CRIPPEN

Lock Box No. 10 West Point, Miss.

**THE** man on the left would be glad to explain to you the machinery on the right, or any of our line not shown here.

McBee Gasoline Engines have no batteries, but are started and operated on the Bosch Magneto.

Muncie Oil Engines for Gin plants, Water Pumping plants and other heavy duty are best because they work on the lowest grade of crude oil, regardless of degree of gravity. They have no batteries but ignite the charge with a hot head.

#### Batteries are a Nuisance on any Engine

The balance of the line is working over-time making money for our customers and a reputation for us.

We want a chance to refer you to your nearest neighbor using our machinery.

The best mechanical engineers in the state have chosen our lines in preference to all others.

Our representative in your section is shown on the left, with his grip, ready to drop in to see you.

A letter to him, at his address, or to us will bring you full information, but will not obligate you in the least.

**McBEE ENGINE & IMPLEMENT CO.**  
LEXINGTON, MISS.

